Procedure for allowing increase in medicine prices

1936. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure for allowing increase in prices of medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the formulators import the bulk drugs at prices higher than the prevailing International Price and claim the increase of formulation price on the basis of imported price and get the price increase;

(c) whether it is a fact that later on they import the bulk drugs at lower price and go on enjoying unintended profits;

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that his Ministry does not monitor such cases;

(e) in how many cases, his Ministry has allowed increase in prices during the year 1983 and up to 30th June during the current year (1984); and

(f) whether there is any such proposal to have a check on such type of exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (f) Prices of bulk drugs/formulations are revised in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Detail of Price revisions effected during the year 1983 is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

The details of price Revision effected by the Government from 1st January, 1984 to 31st July, 1984 have been given in Reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2016 on the same day.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the formulations	Composition	Pack Size	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Revised price (Rs.)	Date of revision
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Chloroquin Sulphate Injection . . .	40mg/ml	10 amps x 2ml	7.15	2.76	6.12.1983
2	Chloroquin Sulphate Injection . . .	40mg/ml	10 amps x 5ml	11·96	12·97	6-12-1983
3	Pothidine Injection	50mg/ml	10 x 1ml amp	5·85	8·06	3-12-1983
4	Do.	100mg/ml	10 x 2ml amp	8·09	8·21	3-12-1983
5	Do.	100gm/ml	100 x 2ml amp	8·87	102·21	3-12-1983
6	Phenoxy Methyl Pen Tabs.	65mg/tab	6 x 8's strip/B	9·28	10·09	4-10-1983
7	Do.	130mg/tab	Do.	15·72	17·04	4-10-1983
8	Amodiguin Tab.	3200mg bass/ Tablet	10's sStrip	2·45	2·88	20-5-1983
9	Do.	Do.	25 x 10's strip	61·02	71·70	20-5-1983
10	Dimethyl/Chlorotetracycline Caps/tabs (Soluble)	30mg/tab.	10's Bottle	1·10	1·26	29-9-1983
11	Dimethyl/Chlorotetracycline Eye Ointment Ointment/Lotion	196 (Chlora)	3·5 gm	1·26	1·27	22-9-1983
12	Phenobarbitone Tabs..	30gm/tab	10's strip	0·59	0·81	3-12-1983
13	Do.	Do.	25's Bottle	1·83	2·15	3-12-1983
14	Do.	Do.	500's Bottle	14.12	18.27	3-12-1983

15	Do.	60mg/tab.	25's Bottle	2·36	2·87	3-12-1983
16	Do.	Do.	500's Bottle	24·91	29·33	3-12-1983
17	Do.	100gm/tab	Do.	38·63	44·88	3-12-1983
18	Tetracycline Eye/Oint/Lotion/traoches/supersoid drops	1%	3·5gm.	1·26	1·27	29-9-1983
19	Tolbutamide Tablets	0·5gm/tab·	10 x 10's strip	13·84	26.99	3-12-1983
20	Do.	Do.	100 x 10's strip	31·04	165·63	3-12-1983
21	Do.	1gm/tab.	10 x 10's strip	24·91	28·15	3-12-1863
22	Do.	Do.	50x 10's strip	122·96	138·90	3-12-1983
23	Ampicilqin Aniydaous Caps.	250gm/ cap.	4'B/s	5·98	6 72	13-9-1983
24	Do.	Do.	10's B/s	13·78	14 72	Do.
25	Do.	500mg/cap.	Do.	25·76	27·64	Do .
26	Ampicillin Trihydarate Caps·	250mg Base/cap.	100's B/s	110·04	131.84	Do.
27	Do.	Do.	4's B/s	5·42	5·98	Do.
28	Do·	Do.	16's B	19·74	21·98	Do.
29	Do.	500mg base/cap.	4's B/s	9·34	11·06	Do.
30	Do.	Do.	8's B/s.	18·74	21·00	Do.·
31	Ampicillin Anhydrous Syrup	125mg/5ml.	40ml. B	6·58	8.04	Do.
32	Do.	Do.	60ml. B	8·42	10·96	Do.
33	Ampicillin Anhy. Granules	250mg/5ml.	50ml equivalent to 32mg. B	14·06	16·02	Do.
34	Analgin Injection 50%w/v	500mg/ml.	10ml. vial	5·06	5·47	29-9-1983
35	Acetazolamide Tabs.	250mg/tab.	10's	3·78	4·04	20-5-1983
36	Dextrose Injection	50 w/v	100 ml. B	16·98	18·76	

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37	Do.	10% w/v	500 ml. B	11·08	14·60	
38	Dextrose Injection	20% w/v	50 ml. B	12·32	16·06	6-12-1983
39	Dextrose Sodium Chloried Inj.	5% Dextrose 0·9% Sodium Chloride	1000 ml. B	17·20	18·96	Do.
40	Dextrose Transfusion	5% w/v	540 ml. B	11·76	13·96	Do.
41	Do.	25% w/v	25x25 ml. Amp.	30·16	46·94	3-12-1983
42	Ethambutol Tablets	200mg/tab.	10's S/B	3·60	4·72	4-8-1983
43	Do.	Do.	.6's	2·38	2·80	Do.
44	Do.	400mg/tab.	10's S/B	6·30	7·98	Do.
45	Do.	Do.	6's S/B	4·18	4·96	Do.
46	Methyle Dopa Tablets	125mg/ tab.	10 x 10's	40·52	47·66	9-3-1983
47	Do.	250mg/tab.	Do.	74·06	87·94	Do.
48	Do.	500mg/tab.	Do.	142·54	171·54	Do.
49	Phenformin Hcl Tabs.	25mg/tab.	250's B	18·02	20·62	3-12-1983
50	Propronelel Hcl Tabs..	40mg/tab.	25x 10's B	62·70	72·38	29-9-1983
51	Do.	Do.	10's S	2·94	3·34	Do.
52	Do.	10mg/tab.	25 x 10's S	27·26	29·70	Do.
53	Do.	Do.	10's	1·34	1·44	Do.
54	Propronotel Hcl. Inj.	1 mg/ml.	10 x 1 ml. Amp.	8·44	9·46	Do.
55	Sulphaguanidine	500 mg/tab.	10's B	1·80	2·24	3-12-1983
56	Do.	Do.	1000's B	135·20	165·44	19-12-1983

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57	Sulphacetamide Sod. Eye Drops . . .	10%w/v	10 ml. vial	3·10	3·42	19-4-1983
58	Do.	Do	14ml. vial	3·16	3.66	3-12-1938
59	Rifampicin Caps	150 mg.	100's Bottle	153.18	121.14	13-10-83
60	Do.	Do.	4's Bottle/strip	9.50	7 06	24-2-83
				7·06	5·84	13-9·83
61	Do.	Do.	12's Bottle/strip	19.18	15.34	13-10-83
62	Do.	300 mg.	4's Bottle/strip	12.98	10.00	13-10-83
63	Do.	Do.	100's Bottle	411.08	299.70	24-2-83
64	Cimetidine	200 mg tabs.	10's Bottle/strip	299.70	226.02	13-10-83
				20.58	10.86	24-3-83
				10.86	7.96	13-10-83
65	Do.	Do.	500's Bottle Strip	1029.00	512.58	24-2-83
				512.58	363.56	13-10-83
66	Doxycycline Capsules	100 mg.	2's strip	4.34	3.52	19-10-83
67	Do.	Do.	3's strip	6.48	4.88	29-10-83
68	Do.	Do.	4's strip/bottle	7·44	5·34	29-10-83
69	Do.	Do.	6's strip/bottle	10.56	7.56	29-10-83
70	Do.	Do.	10's strip	16.62	12.82	29-10-83
71	Doxycycline Inj.	50 mg/ml.	10 ml. vial	11.76	9.68	29-10-83
72	Do.	Do.	2 ml. Amp./vial	2.92	2.52	29-10-83
73	Do.	100 mg/ml.	5 ml. vial	4.44	4 38	29-10-83
74	Sulphacetamide Sod. Eye Drops . . .	20% w/v	10 ml. vial	3.38	3.70	29-4-83
75	Do.	Do.	14 ml. vial	3.58	4.08	3-12-83
76	Do.	30% w/v	10 ml. vial	3.68	4 00	29-4-83
77	Do.	Do.	14 ml. vial	4.00	4.50	3-12-83
78	Sodium Chloride +Dextrose Inj . . .	0.9% +5%	540 ml. B.	11.22	14.06	6-9-83

Name of the Bulk Drugs	Earlier price	Revised Price	Date of Revision
1. Anpicillin Anhydrous (Ex-Pen-6) first crystal	1953·00	2107·00	2-9-83
2. Ampicillin Tryhydrate (Ex-6 APA)	1475·00	1677·00	2-9-84
3. Chloramphenicol Socium Succinate	1069·19	1114·00	24-8-83
4. Chloramphenicol Palmitate	708·42	733·00	1-8-83
5. Hydrochlorathiazide	364·45	465·07	15-11-83
6. Konamycin Acid Sulphate	2877·00	3237·00	19-7-83
7. Mostranol	55·90	60·23	15-11-83
8. Pethidine Hcl.	1599·12	1977·00	22-10-83
9. Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide	153·17	174·00	6-12-83
10. Propronolol Hcl.	2000·00	2415·00	16-12-83
11. Glybenclamide	9800·00	2458·00	17-11-83
12. Sulphamethoxazole	538·58	390·00	16-2-83
13. Trimothoprim	2420·65	1055·00	16-2-83
14. Trimothoprim	1055·00	892·00	12-8-83

Appointment of Development Commissioner Drugs

1937. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under provision 70.2 of Drug Policy 1978, a field organisation was to be set up under Development Commissioner, Drugs to operate scheme of pricing, monitor shortages, recommend release and import of bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that since the last two and half years, no separate Development Commissioner, has been appointed and Joint Secretary in his Ministry is holding the charge and discharging the functions of Development Commissioner in addition to his own duties;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no gainful functions approved for the field organisation are being done; and

(d) what are the reasons for not appointing an independent Development Commissioner as provided for and by when it wil be done?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) To ensure better coordination and expeditious disposal of work, it has been decided that the Joint Secretary (Drugs) should also look after the functions and duties of the Development Commissioner (Drugs), for the present. All the functions, which were being looked after by the Development Commissioner, including operation of Scheme of Pricing, Monitoring shortages, recommending release and import of bulk drugs etc. are being duly and effectively discharged. The present arrangement is working smoothly and as part of normal administrative procedure the situation is periodically reviewed and required changes are affected as are found necessary in the interest of work.